(d) The staff strength for these offices as for all other Passport Offices is reviewed each year on the basis of yearly statistics of passport work and is re-allocated every financial year.

The details of the staff strength in respect of the two offices is as under:

	Passport Office Cochin			Passport office Kozhikode		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Group 'A' .	3	4	2	2	1	1
Group 'B' .	8	6	6	6	4	6
Group 'C' .	114	97	85	71	49	56
Group 'D' .	11+1 (Part-time)	11+1 (Part-time)	11+1 (Part-time)	6+1 (Part-time)	6+1 (Part-time)	6+1 (Part-time)

(e) No, Sir. Kerala has two fulfledged Passport Offices at Cochin and Kozhikode and one passport Liaison Office at Trivandrum, which meet the essential requirements of the people of the State in respect of passports.

The statistics indicated against item 'C' of the Question indicate clearly that the work in the Passport Offices in Kerala has gone down and thus there is no justification for increasing the number of passport Offices in Kerala.

Compensation to the families of Indian Nationals killed/injured in Iran-Iraq war

709. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) how many Indians were killed or injured so far in the Iran-Iraq war;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid to the next of kin by the respective Governments;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government of India made any effort to get compensation from the respective Governments; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHR K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) In Iran 28 Indian nationals have been killed while in Iraq the number of Indian nationals killed is 12. No cases of injured persons requiring payment of compensation have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) In some cases compensation has been sanctioned or has been paid directly by the Company. In other cases where the next of kin has not received the compensation, the matter is being pursued by our Embassies with the concerned authorities.

(c) and (d) Details are mentioned in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The details of compensation paid are as follows:

Iran

In 1983, Maria Anthony Chesty Prem Kumar Mathias, Engineer, Best Crompton Engineering, Tehran, died due to electric shock and was paid compensation directly by the Company.

In July 1984, Gilbert D. Costa, Chief Cook and Brajesh Kesharwani, Third Engineer of Vessel 'M. V. Iran Eteghad', an Irish Merchant ship died following missile attack on board the ship. Compensation for damages is expected to be paid by concerned shipping lines.

In September, 1984, G. Chakraborty, Captain of Vessel M. V. Abdi of Irano Hind Shipping Co. died consequent to missile attack. Insurance claim being settled by Irano-Hind Shipping Co., Tehran.

The Pension case of K. V. Anchan, an Indian national, who died at Busher on 30-4-78 while working for Busher Nuclear Power Plant, was followed up by the Embassy in 1984 and 1985. The case is still under consideration of social insurance organization of Iran.

There are 15 pending pension cases of Indian Medical Personnel who died while on duty in Iran. Out of these the Embassy helped to settle 6 cases and the families of the deceased in India have already received their dues from Iranian Social Security Organization. For the remaining 9 cases, documentation is still in process. Recently, the Iranian authorities have agreed that the Embassy could act as a representative of the dependent families in India and collect the pension on their behalf. Accordingly the Embassy has asked the legal heirs to send letters of authority which have been received in five cases and are being processed.

On 9th September, 1986 Mr. G. L. Bind, Electrician in a Power Plant in Tabriz, died on account of missile attack. Matter relating to dues and death compensation has been taken up with the concerned company.

Six Indian crew members and wife of Capt. of the Ship M/T Marun died abroad the ship following missile attack on 19th September, 1986. Compensation for damages is expected to be paid by concerned shipping lines. The next of kin have been advised accordingly.

Iraq

Death compensation in respect of 11 workers had been sanctioned by Iraqi National Insurance Company and Social Security Department.

Details of compensation sanctioned are:

Sl.No.	Name of person	Death compensation sanctioned by National Insurance Company	Social Security Department
		US DOLLARS	ID
1	Anant Waman Sapre	60,000	—
2	Yusuf Khan	30,000	—
3	Narsanna Idla Gangnna	30,000	60,000
4	Joan Gangaram Yallana	30,000	60,000
5	Shankarayya Rajanna Kota	30,000	56,860
6	Saibanna Sabanna Gavalli	30,000	—
7	Balu Gangaram Rajana	30,000	51,950
8	Poshanna Poshayya Buyya	30,000	—
9	Bai Gangaram	30,000	57,451
10	Kota Rusen Thakanna	30,000	50,953
11	Satari Rajarlbhumayya	30,000	53,000

It came to the notice of the Embassy that widows of two of the deceased workers have not so far received the compensation amount. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq was promptly requested by the Embassy to instruct the concerned organization to expedite the matter. Follow up action is being taken by the Embassy.

In the case of Mr. Zafar Hassan Salim Zaidi, Engineer, an amount of Rupees six lakhs was sanctioned by National Insurance Company, Bombay, as death compensation to his family.

Eviction of Tribals in Assam

710. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals in Assam are being evicted on mass scale from the forest lands;

(b) if so, whether this is being done under the Assam Accord; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the interests of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Representations have been received from various quarters, particularly minorities and tribals in Assam complaining of eviction operations being undertaken by the State Government of Assam. The State Government have intimated that action to prevent encroachment of government lands in tribal belts and blocks is being enforced in accordance with the relevant clause of the Assam Accord and the unauthorised encroachers, irrespective of their caste and community, are being evicted as per law in force. However, the State Government have been impressed upon to evolve remedies which may be fair, proper and just to all sections of the society, and to adopt a balanced and humane approach.

Magisterial inquiry into Tilak Nagar (Delhi) riots

711. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the magisterial inquiry ordered after the 26th July, 1986 riots in Tilak Nagar and neighbouring areas in Delhi has been completed;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Magisterial inquiry report has, *inter-alia*, pointed out instances of failure on the part of the local police in effectively handling the situation, in the jurisdiction of Police Station Tilak Nagar and Janakpuri.

(c) The Delhi Administration have forwarded the Inquiry Report to the Commissioner of Police to pinpoint individual responsibility in the light of the findings of the report.

Grant of pension to Hyderabad Mukti Sangram applicants

712. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of Swatantrata Sainik pensions are pending with the Department;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of Hyderabad Mukti Sangram Pension applicants cases pending finalisation; and

(d) what steps have been taken to expedite their claims?